

February 13, 2008

Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Robert McDowell

Re: WC Docket No. 07-52

Dear FCC Chairman and Commissioners:

The National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States. Today, there are 1 million black owned businesses in the United States and black businesses account for over \$100 billion in annual sales. The NBCC is proud to reach out to these businesses and help to develop new entrepreneurs in communities across the country.

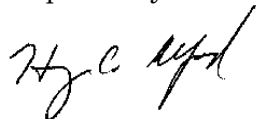
We write to you today in response to the Free Press et al. Petition For Declaratory Ruling Regarding Internet Management Policies. The NBCC is deeply concerned about proposals for new government regulation of the Internet. Entrepreneurs' freedom to use their own ingenuity without government imposed restrictions has enabled them to create an Internet that provides consumers with innumerable opportunities in business, education, and communication. Regulations that limit this freedom to innovate would erode the dynamism that makes the Internet a tool that serves individuals.

Recently, there has been discussion over providers' authority to manage their own networks in ways that ensure that consumers have the best user experience possible. For example, network management allows providers to prevent spam and viruses from bedeviling consumers. Network management also keeps the Internet operating smoothly at a time that video and other high capacity programs could jam the networks.

Experience with the Internet shows that that we do not know for certain what course it will take. As technology constantly changes, rules that try to identify "good" and "bad" management techniques could limit the Internet's evolution and jeopardize network functionality. They also could unintentionally block future innovations that could deliver new beneficial new services or protect consumers against spam, viruses and other threats.

The NBCC urges the FCC to consider the impact that regulation will have on entrepreneurs who make their living through the Internet and on the consumers that use it. The government should not take on the role of Chief Internet Engineer.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H.C. Alford", written in a cursive style.

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